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(in such a case, an aqueous solution containing  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  becomes transparent) or the fact that the coherent solid content is partially observed in the deproteinized natural rubber latex (in such a case, the aqueous solution containing  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  is still in the state of white turbidity).--

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Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 12, line 15, with the following rewritten paragraph:

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--As used herein, the expression "coagulation of the rubber does not occur" refers to the fact that the rubber component in the deproteinized natural rubber latex is maintained in the dispersed and suspended state and the coherent rubber solid content is not observed in the latex (in such a case, the aqueous solution containing  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  is still in the state of white turbidity).--

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Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 12, line 21, and continuing to page 13, with the following rewritten paragraph:

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--The presence or absence of "coagulation of the rubber component" is judged whether or not the rubber component in a deproteinized natural rubber latex is observed in the form of a coherent solid content after adding dropwise the latex in an aqueous solution wherein the concentration of  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  is controlled to a predetermined value. In case "coagulation of the rubber component does not occur", the rubber component is rapidly

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dispersed in the aqueous solution containing  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  when the latex is added dropwise.--

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Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 16, line 11, with the following rewritten paragraph:

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-- According to the inventions (7) and (8), it is made possible to prepare a deproteinized natural rubber latex wherein coagulation of a rubber component does not occur when the concentration of calcium ions ( $\text{Ca}^{2+}$ ) is 0.01 mol/L or less and coagulation of the rubber component occurs when the concentration of  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  is 0.1 mol/L or more.--

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Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 16, line 25, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--The method of preparing the deproteinized natural rubber latex of the invention (7) is one aspect of the method of preparing the deproteinized natural rubber latex according to the invention (2). The method of preparing the deproteinized natural rubber latex of the invention (8) is one aspect of the method of preparing the deproteinized natural rubber latex according to the invention (3).--